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Form
990Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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OMB No. 1545-0047

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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
Trees of Liberty Inc

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)
PO Box 19730

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Denver, CO 80219F Name and address of principal officer:
Alan Philp
PO Box 19730
Denver, CO 80219

D Employer identification number

46-5123864

E Telephone number

(571) 482-7690

G Gross receipts \$ 272,509

I Tax-exempt status: ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(4) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website:

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ NoH(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation: 2014

M State of legal domicile: VA

Part I Summary

| | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------|--------------|
| Activities & Governance | 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: To advance the principles of limited government, fiscal solvency, and economic freedom by educating the public. | | |
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| | 2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 1 |
| | 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 1 |
| | 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | 0 |
| | 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 0 |
| | 7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 7a | 0 |
| | 7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 7b | 0 |
| Revenue | 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | Prior Year | Current Year |
| | 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | 2,050,000 | 272,500 |
| | 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 0 | 0 |
| | 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | 37 | 9 |
| | 12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 0 | 0 |
| | 12 | 2,050,037 | 272,509 |
| Expenses | 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) | 1,272,980 | 532,500 |
| | 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | 0 | 0 |
| | 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) | 0 | 0 |
| | 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | 0 | 15,000 |
| | b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶15,000 | | |
| | 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) | 161,080 | 308,885 |
| | 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 1,434,060 | 856,385 |
| 19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | 615,977 | -583,876 | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) | Beginning of Current Year | End of Year |
| | 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 668,126 | 34,250 |
| | 22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 50,000 | 0 |
| 22 | 618,126 | 34,250 | |

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

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Date _____

Alan Philp President
Type or print name and title

**Paid
Preparer
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Print/Type preparer's name
Chris Marston

Preparer's signature
Chris Marston

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| Date | 2017-11-05 |
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Check ☐ if
self-employed

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| PTIN |
| P01769811 |

Firm's name Election CFO LLC

Firm's address ► PO Box 26141

Alexandria, VA 22313

Firm's EIN ► 26-4188053

Phone no. (703) 627-4679

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

To advance the principles of limited government, fiscal solvency, and economic freedom by educating the public.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 827,534 including grants of \$ 532,500) (Revenue \$ 0)

Promoted principles of limited government, fiscal solvency, and economic freedom through advertising campaigns on television, radio, and online.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

| | | |
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| 4e | Total program service expenses | 827,534 |
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Page **3****Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

| | Yes | No |
|---|--------------|----|
| 1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> | 1 | No |
| 2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?  | 2 Yes | |
| 3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> | 3 | No |
| 4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> | 4 | |
| 5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> | 5 | No |
| 6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> | 6 | No |
| 7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> | 7 | No |
| 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> | 8 | No |
| 9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> | 9 | No |
| 10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> | 10 | No |
| 11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable. | | |
| a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> | 11a | No |
| b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities—in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> | 11b | No |
| c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related—in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> | 11c | No |
| d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> | 11d | No |
| e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> | 11e | No |
| f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> | 11f | No |
| 12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> | 12a | No |
| b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> | 12b | No |
| 13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> | 13 | No |
| 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | 14a | No |
| b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> | 14b | No |
| 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> | 15 | No |
| 16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> | 16 | No |
| 17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions) | 17 | No |
| 18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> | 18 | No |
| 19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> | 19 | No |

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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| | Yes | No |
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| 20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> | | No |
| b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? | | |
| 21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> | Yes | |
| 22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> | | No |
| 23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> | | No |
| 24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> | | No |
| b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | | |
| c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | | |
| d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | | |
| 25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | No |
| b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | No |
| 26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> | | No |
| 27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> | | No |
| 28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions): | | |
| a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| 29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | No |
| 30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | No |
| 31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> | | No |
| 32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> | | No |
| 33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> | | No |
| 34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> | | No |
| 35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | | No |
| b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | |
| 36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | |
| 37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> | | No |
| 38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O. | Yes | |

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

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b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O

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Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

| | 1a | 1b | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7a | 7b | 8a | 8b | 9 | |
|--|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | No | |
| 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | No | |
| 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | No | |
| 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? | | | | | | 5 | | | | | | No | |
| 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? | | | | | | | 6 | | | | | No | |
| 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? | | | | | | | | 7a | | | | No | |
| b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? | | | | | | | | | 7b | | | No | |
| 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a The governing body? | | | | | | | | | | 8a | Yes | | |
| b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? | | | | | | | | | | | 8b | Yes | |
| 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | No |

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

| | 10a | 10b | 11a | 12a | 12b | 12c | 13 | 14 | 15a | 15b | 16a | 16b |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? | 10a | | | | | | | | | | | No |
| b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? | | 10b | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? | | | 11a | Yes | | | | | | | | |
| b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 | | | | 12a | Yes | | | | | | | |
| b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? | | | | | 12b | Yes | | | | | | |
| c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done | | | | | | 12c | Yes | | | | | |
| 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? | | | | | | | 13 | Yes | | | | |
| 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? | | | | | | | | 14 | Yes | | | |
| 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official | | | | | | | | | 15a | | No | |
| b Other officers or key employees of the organization | | | | | | | | | | 15b | | No |
| If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? | | | | | | | | | | | 16a | No |
| b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? | | | | | | | | | | | | 16b |

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

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available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

- ☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:

► Election CFO LLC PO Box 26141 Alexandria, VA 22313 (571) 482-7690

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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

● List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

● List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

● List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

● List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

- ☒ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

[illegible]

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees *(continued)*

[illegible]

| | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| 1b Sub-Total | | | |
| c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A | | | |
| d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 0

| | | Yes | No |
|----------|---|----------|----|
| 3 | Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> | 3 | No |
| 4 | For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> | 4 | No |
| 5 | Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> | 5 | No |

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aegis Strategic LLC PO Box 88003 Colorado Springs, CO 80908 | Professional Services | 14,000 Privacy |

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **▶ 1**

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Page **9****Part VIII Statement of Revenue**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

| | | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514 |
|---|---|----------------------|--|---|--|
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | 1a Federated campaigns | 1a 0 | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b 0 | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c 0 | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d 0 | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions) | 1e 0 | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f 272,500 | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ 0 | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | 272,500 | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | 2a | Business Code | | | |
| | b | | | | |
| | c | | | | |
| | d | | | | |
| | e | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | |
| | 9 Total. Add lines 2a-2f | 0 | | | |
| Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 5 Royalties | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 6a Gross rents | (i) Real | (ii) Personal | | |
| | b Less: rental expenses | | | | |
| | c Rental income or (loss) | 0 | 0 | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | | | | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | (ii) Other | | |
| | b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | |
| | c Gain or (loss) | 0 | 0 | | |
| d Net gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | a | | | | |
| b Less: direct expenses | b | | | | |

Other F

| | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------|---|---|
| c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . ▶ | | | | |
| 9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | | | | |
| a | | | | |
| b Less: direct expenses | b | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ▶ | | | | |
| 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | | | | |
| a | | | | |
| b Less: cost of goods sold | b | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ▶ | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | Business Code | | | |
| 11a | | | | |
| b | | | | |
| c | | | | |
| d All other revenue | | | | |
| e Total. Add lines 11a–11d ▶ | | 0 | | |
| 12 Total revenue. See Instructions. ▶ | | 272,509 | 9 | 0 |

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☒

| | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII. | | | | |
| 1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 | 532,500 | 532,500 | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16. | 0 | 0 | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | 0 | 0 | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 Other employee benefits | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | 14,500 | 13,000 | 1,500 | 0 |
| b Legal | 10,009 | 0 | 10,009 | 0 |
| c Accounting | 1,656 | 0 | 1,656 | 0 |
| d Lobbying | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | 15,000 | | | 15,000 |
| f Investment management fees | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) | 282,034 | 282,034 | | |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | | | | |

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| 13 Office expenses | 27 | 0 | 27 | 0 |
| 14 Information technology | | | | |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | | | | |
| 17 Travel | | | | |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | | | | |
| 20 Interest | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | | | | |
| 23 Insurance | | | | |
| 24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) | | | | |
| a Bank Fees | 632 | 0 | 632 | 0 |
| b Corporate Registration | 27 | 0 | 27 | 0 |
| c | | | | |
| d | | | | |
| e All other expenses | | | | |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 856,385 | 827,534 | 13,851 | 15,000 |
| 26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). | | | | |

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Page **11****Part X Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|---|---|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Assets | 1 Cash-non-interest-bearing | 668,126 | 1 | 34,250 |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| | 5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | 6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | 7 Notes and loans receivable, net | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| | 8 Inventories for sale or use | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | | | |
| | b Less: accumulated depreciation | 0 | 10c | |
| | 11 Investments—publicly traded securities | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| | 12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| | 13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| | 14 Intangible assets | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| | 15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| 16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 668,126 | 16 | | |
| 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 50,000 | 17 | | |
| 18 Grants payable | 0 | 18 | 0 | |

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|-----------------------------|--|--|---------|--------|--------|
| Liabilities | 19 | Deferred revenue | 0 | 19 | 0 |
| | 20 | Tax-exempt bond liabilities | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| | 21 | Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| | 22 | Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L | 0 | 22 | 0 |
| | 23 | Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| | 24 | Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| | 25 | Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D | 0 | 25 | |
| | 26 | Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 50,000 | 26 | 0 |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | | Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. | | | |
| | 27 | Unrestricted net assets | 618,126 | 27 | 34,250 |
| | 28 | Temporarily restricted net assets | 0 | 28 | 0 |
| | 29 | Permanently restricted net assets | 0 | 29 | 0 |
| | | Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. | | | |
| | 30 | Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 30 | |
| | 31 | Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund | | 31 | |
| | 32 | Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 32 | |
| | 33 | Total net assets or fund balances | 618,126 | 33 | 34,250 |
| 34 | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 668,126 | 34 | 34,250 | |

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

| | | | |
|----|--|----|----------|
| 1 | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 272,509 |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 856,385 |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | -583,876 |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | 618,126 |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | 0 |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | 0 |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | 0 |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | 0 |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 9 | 0 |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | 10 | 34,250 |

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.

| | Yes | No |
|----|-----|----|
| 2a | | No |
| 2b | | No |
| 2c | | |

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Organization type (check one):

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- ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
- ☐ 527 political organization

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- ☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
- ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
- ☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

- ☐ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or other property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I Contributors (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

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| NO. | Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | Total contributions | Type or contribution |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| RESTRICTED | | \$ RESTRICTED | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| - | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| - | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| - | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| - | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| - | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| - | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

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Part II Noncash Property (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions) | (d) Date received |
|------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| | | \$ | |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions) | (d) Date received |
| | | | |

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Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of **exclusively** religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ► \$ _____

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

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| | (e) Transfer of gift | | |
| | Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4 | Relationship of transferor to transferee | |
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